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1. SUBJECT RESOLUTION APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE BY SECOND COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 21. EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE BY UK AND NETHERLANDS POINTED SPECIFICALLY TO UNDP IPF'S AS POSSIBLE FUTURE SOURCE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FINANCING. USSR EXPLANATION OF VOTE WAS TRADITIONAL REJECTION OF ANY REGULAR BUDGET FINANCIAL IMPLIACTIONS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2816 (XXVI) OF 14 DECEMBER 1971, 3152 (XXVIII) OF 14 DECEMBER 1973 AND 3243 (XXIX) OF 29 NOVEMBER 1974,

RECALLING ALSO PARAGRAPH 14 OF SECTION II OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1975,

RECALLING FURTHER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1972 (LIX) OF 30 JULY 1975,

RECOGNIZING THAT NATURAL DISASTERS CONSTITUTE A DEVELOPMENT PROBLEM OF GREAT MAGNITUDE REQUIRING MAXIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF SUCH CALAMITIES,

AWARE THAT THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR, IN ADDITION TO BEING STRENGTHENED AS PROVIDED FOR IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3243 (XXIX), SHOULD BE GIVEN REQUISITE MEANS TO TAKE MORE EFFECTIVE AND CONTINUING ACTION AGAINST DISASTERS, INCLUDING EMERGENCY RELIEF, PRE-DISASTER PLANNING AND PROMOTION OF DISASTER PREVENTION ACTIVITIES,

TAKING NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR (A/10079 AND CORR. 1. AND ADD. 1 AND A/C.5/1688) AND THE STATEMENT MADE TO THE SECOND COMMITTEE BY THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR ON THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE, AS WELL AS THE RELATED REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS (A/100008/ADD.5),

1. DECIDES TO EXPAND THE TRUST FUND, ESTABLISHED UNDER ITS RESOLUTION 3243 (XXIX) TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPABILITY OF THE OFFICE OF UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR, SO AS TO FULFIL THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PURPOSES:

(A) TO PROVIDE INSTANTLY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR COUNTRIES STRICKEN BY NATURAL DISASTERS OR OTHER DISASTER SITUATIONS;

(B) AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, AND PENDING REVIEW AT A FUTURE DATE OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FINANCING, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENTS FOR THE ELABORATION OF NATIONAL PLANS FOR NATURAL DISASTER PREVENTION AND PREPARE-
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DNESS;

2. REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ESTABLISH AN HONORARY COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE CONCERNED WITH DISASTER RELIEF TO ASSIST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN MOBILIZING FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR DISASTER RELATED ACTIVITIES AND TO ADVISE AND COUNSEL HIM IN THIS REGARD;

3. INVITES ALL STATES TO MAKE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EXPANDED FUND IN ORDER TO PERMIT IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE, SIGNIFICANT AND CONTINUING ACTION BY THE CO-ORDINATOR TO HELP DISASTER-STRICKEN AND DISASTER-PRONE COUNTRIES;

4. FURTHER INVITES ALL STATES TO ENCOURAGE THE SETTING UP OF NATIONAL FUND-RAISING COMMITTEES TO PROMOTE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DISASTER-RELATED ACTIVITIES, BEARING IN MIND THE CO-ORDINATING ROLE OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR;

5. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIS AND OTHER BODIES CONCERNED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR IN THE FORMULATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DISASTER PREVENTION AND IN DUE TIME TO ASSIST IT IN THE DISSEMINATION OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED;

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-FIRST SESSION AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION.

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